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Calendar

Sat., May 26	Swimming pool opens, 10 am; pool picnic, 5 pm; Coffeehouse, Town Hall, 7 pm (see p 6)	Fri., June 8	Deadline for summer calendar: send to Mary Moyer (see p 6)
Mon., May 28	Memorial Day; no trash pickup	Mon., June 11	Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm
Wed., May 30	Citizens Association Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm, topic TBA	Tues., June 12	Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm (last one until fall); <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 4 pm
Thurs., May 31	GP Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm	Mon., June 18	Deadline to sign up for Progressive Dinner (see p 4)
Sat., June 2	GIVES collection, Penn Place, 9 am-1 pm; Farmers' Market, Penn Place, 9 am-1 pm; Pooch Parade, 9:30 am (see p 3)	Thurs., June 21	GP Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm
Sun., June 3	Birthday party for Garrett Park citizens 80 and over; Town Hall, 3 pm (see p 2)	Fri., June 29	Film Society, <i>Bride and Prejudice</i> , Town Hall, 7 pm (see p 4)
Thurs., June 7	GP Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm	Wed., June 27	Citizens Association Meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm
		Sat., June 30	Progressive Dinner, Town Hall, 6 pm (see p 4)

A New Council

As three freshly elected members formally joined its ranks, the Town Council began its May meeting with a few minutes of heartfelt ceremony: a plaque, a congratulatory speech by the mayor, handshakes, and a photo opportunity. And the new Councilmembers didn't seem to mind a bit that they were only spectators for the festivities.

The honoree was, in fact, a boy called Pablo, a fourth grader from Holy Cross Elementary School and the author of a winning essay in the

"If I Were Mayor I Would..." contest sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League. Pablo wrote that, were he mayor, he would make a Web page for kids and have a kids municipal day. He would study lighting for safety, build telecommuting centers, and ask people to "watch less TV and do more community services."

Taking that advice to heart, the newly constituted Council went straight to work. Mayor Shawaker detailed the areas of responsibility for each member. Beth Irons will oversee the Historic
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Preservation Committee, Garrett Park Conservation Trust, and the Setback Advisory Committee. Solange Hansen will take on town right of ways and arboretum duties. Charles Berry gets parks and open spaces and the Garrett Park Swimming Pool Association. Hans Wegner will worry about town streets and drains, Strathmore Avenue, and streetlights. And Jack Mandel will look after Town Hall and Penn Place. (As his first official act in that capacity, Jack asked that we all remember to wipe our feet.)

The Mayor also updated the Council on plans for the traffic light at Kenilworth and Strathmore avenues, which is due to be “fully signalized” around June 1—with no restrictions on left turns from Strathmore. The installation, she explained, will employ modern traffic management technology, including sensors that instigate a full cycle of the light if cars are queued up on Kenilworth.

Speaking of Strathmore, Hans Wegner reported that a number of new plants put in by the state road construction folks last fall had defied fears and survived to grow again this spring. A mention by Ted Pratt that he had just received a question about some deceased azaleas in the same vicinity put a damper on the botanical positivity.

And speaking again of Strathmore (Hall, that is), Beth Irons reported on plans for a Baltimore Symphony Orchestra-sponsored tour of historic homes in Garrett Park October 19 and 20. The event, she explained, will benefit Montgomery County schools, in support of arts education, and Garrett Park is the first community chosen as a sightseeing venue. Three residents have already offered their homes as places to see. As a premium, Beth said the BSO has dangled the possibility of a special show for the town. (We can only presume it will be a musical performance and not interpretive dance.)

Other reports detailed street repair planning around town and floor refinishing needs at Penn Place—which will, presumably, involve different materials.

The new Council moved briskly through its agenda, wrapping up the meeting in less than an hour. Perhaps it was the siren song of this season’s penultimate episode of the TV show “24” calling. But if that’s true, please don’t tell Pablo.

Richard Folkers



Coffeehouse Coming

The Garrett Park Casual Musicians’ Club invites you to warm yourselves at a community coffeehouse on Saturday night, May 26, from 7 to 10 pm in the Garrett Park Town Hall. For the first hour, several musicians will entertain children and families. The remaining two hours of music will be presented by a variety of solo and ensemble performers, sharing music that moves them and entertains you. Although this event is substantially “by the community and for the community,” we welcome musicians and guests from neighboring communities in our region. Admission is free!

The musicians will provide some drinks and food. Guests are welcome to bring along snacks and/or drinks to share. We will have a permit for alcoholic beverages.

The Casual Musicians’ Club consists of over 20 of your neighbors and friends in Garrett Park Town, Garrett Park Estates/White Flint Park, and surrounding communities. Most participants have full nonmusical lives, and this group provides an outlet for community members’ musical expression. The GPCMC welcomes new participants from the greater GP community. We also hold “jam sessions” two or three times each month—on first, third, and fifth Thursdays—at the GP Town Hall. Come join us some Thursday night!

For more information about the club or about this particular event, please contact David Meredith or Karen Cole.

Happy Birthday, Over 80s

The town, the Garrett Park Citizens Association, and the Garrett Park Women’s Club are joining together to give a birthday party for all of Garrett Park’s citizens who are 80 and beyond. The party is June 3 at 3 pm at the Town Hall. There will be cake, ice cream, tasty nibbles, and other goodies. The Mayor is donating a case of champagne!

Everyone is invited. Come celebrate and meet a lot of interesting people.

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Town Administrator Notes

The Betsy White Emergency Loan Fund: The fund is one of Garrett Park's unique institutions, and something I have been very pleased to be involved with in my duties as Town Clerk-Treasurer. Since I arrived in September 2002, quite a few people have been helped by the fund, and many town residents have made generous donations to support it. That generosity is needed again.

The Betsy White Emergency Loan Fund was established by the Women's Club of Garrett Park in the late sixties as a memorial to Betsy White, a town resident and an officer and beloved member of the Club. The purpose of the fund is to provide emergency financial assistance to residents of the town when other resources are not available. The loans are interest free and can be repaid when the emergency has passed, if possible. This helps replenish the fund for others in need. Applications for funds are made to the Town Clerk-Treasurer, who refers the application to the Board of Trustees. The decisions made by the Trustees are reported to the Town Clerk who, under normal circumstances, is the only person who has direct contact with the applicant. This is a discreet fund, and the appointed Trustees conduct all business in a confidential manner.

The fund is maintained by money raised by the Women's Club, supplemented by donations and bequests from Garrett Park residents and others. Over the years this fund has been well used, and in particular in the last 4 years a number of requests have been received. As a result, the fund balance is currently lower than usual. If you wish to make a contribution, checks can be made to the Town of Garrett Park (please indicate the Betsy White Emergency Loan Fund in your check's memo space), Box 84, Garrett Park, MD 20896. These gifts are fully tax-deductible.

Town Elections: Many thanks for the fine work of Chief Election Judge Linda Knowles and

Pooch Parade

Calling all dog lovers! The Garrett Park Citizens Association will sponsor a Pooch Parade on Saturday, June 2, beginning at 9:30 am. Come and show off your four-legged family member!

- 9:30 Registration on the basketball courts near Penn Place
- 10:00 Parade steps off from Penn Place to Montrose to Argyle to Penn Place
- 10:30 Pet trick contest
- 11:00 Awards announcements: "Best Costume," "Best Tail," "Biggest," "Smallest," and more!

All dogs must be on leashes. Owners should bring their own pooper scoopers. To volunteer to help or for questions, call Melissa Bronez.

Judges Shirin Keyani and Judy Heyman. Congratulations to the winners, Chuck Berry, Solange Hansen, and Jack Mandel, with thanks and appreciation to Tony Altar for his years of service to the town. Best wishes to the new Council!

Large Item Collection: There will be a large item collection Saturday, July 14.

Garrett Park Building Permits: We are well into the building season, and I would like to remind everyone to please check with the Town Office to find out if your project needs a Garrett Park permit. A town permit is required to demolish any building larger than 400 square feet. Also, a Garrett Park building permit is required whenever a new structure is to be built, including a new house, shed, garage, or similar structure, or when the size of a house is proposed to be increased with an addition, a deck, a porch, or the like. The town is concerned only with the relationship of the proposed construction to the size of the lot and its setback from the lot's boundary. The town also requires a permit for driveway or parking pad construction or repair. A town building permit should be applied for before you apply for a Montgomery County building permit.

Montgomery County Building Permits: Montgomery County requires building permits for any structure above ground level (not patios or driveways) including sheds, garages, decks, fences, etc. A county permit is also required for any alteration to a structure (other than ordinary repair or maintenance) and for demolition. The county is concerned with zoning, health and safety, plumbing, structural, electrical, and the like. For more information, contact the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services at 240-777-6300.

As always, the Town Office will assist you in any way possible. I will be off on my annual vacation in the Isle of Man from May 25 to June 12. Laura Krupp will hold the fort while I am away. I am sure things will carry on smoothly in my absence.

Ted Pratt
Town Administrator



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Seasonal Advice

The Garrett Park CAN (Climate Action Now) is working toward finding ways for our community to make our own small contribution to the larger effort to reduce global warming. Among other efforts, we will offer a suggestion each month in the *Bugle*, in the hopes that some of them may resonate with you and fit into your lifestyle.

This month, it's easy—Buy Local, Buy Seasonal. When fruits, vegetables, and other foods are trucked or shipped from across the country or around the world, fossil fuel needs rise. Purchasing foods in season also encourages stores to buy from local growers. Garrett Park is extremely fortunate to have its own farmers' market, offered each Saturday morning from 9 am to 1 pm by the Derstine family, representing Hare Valley Growers. The market will run from the first Saturday in June through the weekend before Thanksgiving. Be sure to bring your own bags or baskets and cut down on plastic production!

GP CAN welcomes suggestions for this column and its other activities. Please feel free to e-mail Lisa Kaeser.

June Movie

Bride and Prejudice, our June film, originally scheduled for June 22, will be shown on June 29. Please make a note of the change.

India has its own unique style of popular entertainment, little appreciated or understood by much of the West. The most well known are Bollywood musicals. They're easy to roll your eyes at if you're not used to them—but the same could be said of the explosions and drivel in some of our home-grown movies. *B&P* is a Bollywood update of Jane Austen's story of a mother eager to find husbands for four unmarried daughters.

B&P doesn't attempt to show a foreign family simply trying to conform to the West's lifestyle (like director Gurinder Chadha's other well-known film, *Bend It Like Beckham*). Chadha offers up an exuberant spin on the Jane Austen classic. It celebrates the diversity of the cultures, passes no judgment on any person or practice, and allows a dignified India to be well portrayed. Much of this takes place along with music and laughter—what could be better? Jane Austen in the Punjab: If you want to see something new and wonderful, you'll love this movie.

Progressive Dinner

All adult residents are invited to participate in the Progressive Dinner on Saturday, June 30. This year, we will meet at Town Hall at 6 pm for appetizers and small group assignments for the successive meal courses (salad and main courses). After dinner, all will return to Town Hall at 8:30 for dessert. Participants will be assigned as couples, singles, or triplets (please invite an unattached neighbor to go along with you!). You are asked either to serve as a host, offering your home to assigned guests for salad or dinner courses, or to provide food for one of the other courses.

As always, we anticipate the need for volunteers to host either salad or dinner courses. We would love for you to consider serving as a host, particularly if you have not done so before. We will try to accommodate all types and sizes of houses. Include your top three preferences below. If there are not enough volunteers for entrees, we may have a soup or tapas course instead. Please return your form by Monday, June 18, as organizers need adequate time to make final arrangements and make assignments.

Yes, I/we would like to participate in the 2007 Progressive Dinner.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Choose your top three preferences among these eight options, indicating first, second, and third choices.

- ___ Host appetizer course at Town Hall
- ___ Provide appetizer (for 16 to 20 people)
- ___ Host salad or main course at my house
- ___ Provide salad (for 10 to 12 people)

- ___ Provide main course (for 10 to 12 people)
- ___ Host vegetarian main course at my house
- ___ Provide vegetarian main course (for 10 to 12)
- ___ Provide dessert (for 10 to 12 people)

Comments: _____

Participants are asked to contribute \$5 per person to cover costs of providing some beverages, paper goods, name tags, etc. Please return forms to Progressive Dinner, Box 494, Garrett Park, MD 20896. Checks payable to Garrett Park Women's Club.

Questions: Kay Austin or Celia Hayes

Deadline: Monday, June 18, please.

Patricia Regina Houck Abernethy (Pat)

On April 24, Pat Abernethy, 76, died suddenly in her home in Kensington. A Washington, D.C., native, she was the mother of 8 children. She married Jack Abernethy in 1951 and moved with him to a house on Strathmore in Garrett Park in 1953. As the family grew to need more space, they took on the Victorian house at 10818 Kenilworth. She and her family were among the founders of Holy Cross Catholic Church. In 1985, after the children were grown, the Abernethys moved to Kensington, but still kept close ties with Garrett Parkers.

As part of Adventure Theatre, Rockville Community Chorus, the Holy Cross choir and folk group, and the annual Christmas Sing-Along in the Town Hall, she lent her wonderful alto voice to choral presentations, theater, and religious services. For years she was Jack's "right hand man" at his garage, doing the bookkeeping, running errands, and generally keeping things moving.

Besides her husband, she is survived by their children Michelle Reilly-Maurer of Boonsboro, Christine DeVlaming of South Carolina, John (James) of Olney, Joe of College Park, Regina Early of Virginia, Mary Pat Orenstein of North Carolina, and Michael of Virginia, as well as 17 grandchildren.

A rousing funeral was held at Holy Cross on April 30, with music provided by 35 singers from all her singing groups. It concluded with a standing ovation from the congregation in her honor. She was buried at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made in her name to Adventure Theatre at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

Mary Moyer

From the PO

Lots of news from the Post Office this month—some of it not so good, like the increase in the cost of first-class stamps to 41¢. Be careful in mailing big envelopes: they start at 80¢ for one ounce, then 17¢ for each additional ounce. It will take a while to get used to all the changes, for us and the PO staff.

The position of Postmaster has finally been advertised, and temporary Postmaster Michelle Yarborough is currently out due to surgery. She will return in several weeks, just in time for a new Postmaster to be named. In the meantime, temporary workers Tammy Bright and Loran Hector are stepping in during her absence and Maria's maternity leave.

Speaking of which, Maria and husband Elma Ramirez welcomed son Dominick Enrique to their household of three girls. Maria will be off until January. Dominick was born on May 9, and weighed in at 7 lb, 10 oz. Congratulations to all.

Mary Moyer

Art at Penn Place

The Penn Place gallery is featuring the work of two very different photographers in May and June. Hanging in the gallery now is the work of Garrett Park Estates resident Carolyn Martin. The photos shown were taken over a period of nearly 20 years. Some are of local subjects: the Potomac River and C&O Canal, violins in Weaver's Violin Shop in Bethesda, the piano at Strathmore Hall. Others are from France. Ms. Martin shoots both her color and black and white photos with a film camera. She develops the black and white views herself. Ms. Martin graduated from Brown University with a degree in art and took additional studio courses at the Rhode Island School of Design. In addition to her photography, she also paints and draws. Her work has been shown in a number of D.C. area galleries. She has also taught at the University of Maryland, University College.

Beginning on May 27, the gallery will feature the photographs of Sean Ruttkay, who grew up in Garrett Park and still comes back to manage the swimming pool in the summers. Sean will be showing his large-format digital artwork that is designed to be hung outdoors. The technique is one that was devised by Sean's dad, Tom Ruttkay, but never marketed. It involves taking an image from a digital camera and printing it on PVC paper that is then mounted on aluminum. It has the look of stretched canvas. Sean says that many of his works hang in outdoor rooms—on patio fences or spa enclosures. But many people buy them to hang inside as well. Sean has done a lot of traveling to capture the images in his portfolio. They come from Barbados, Hawaii, the southeast United States, and Italy. Sean's work is shown at the Discovery Gallery in Bethesda. He also has a Web site with his current images. Each of his pieces is hand fabricated and can be made in any size. Sean's academic training is in special education. His art training comes from observing and working with his father.

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- ♪ Congratulations to three Garrett Park students. To find out why, read the GPES news on this page!
- ♪ Two bikes were stolen from the patio behind the Henley house on May 5 or 6. One was a pink 26-in. Huffy, and the other a red 26-in. Magna bike. Both were relative new, not expensive but very good bikes. If you have seen them being ridden around town, please call Elizabeth Henley, or if you have them please return them.
- ♪ The hunt is on for words and/or music that was penned by George Payne, Newton Blakeslee, or others in past years. These songs were either parodies of current music, or original composition used for events such as the demi-sesquicentennial. If you have any such materials, please don't throw them out; give them to archivist Barbara Shidler at the Town Office. A collection is being made up so that we don't lose some important town history. Many thanks.
- ♪ Yours for the asking: two modernish railings for three or four steps. They just have to be planted in concrete. Call Mary Moyer.
- ♪ The farmers' market will reopen Saturday, June 2, somewhere near Penn Place. Hooray!
- ♪ Many thanks to Margaret Soltan for her steadfast commitment to report on Town Council meetings, and thanks to Richard Folkers, making his debut in this issue, for taking over this job.
- ♪ Three fifth graders represented GPES in the South County Elementary Honors Chorus this spring. Participants were chosen by audition. The group presented a concert on May 15 at Wootton HS in Rockville.

Attic in the Street

The 2007 date for Attic in the Street is Saturday, October 13. The hours will most likely be the same as last year, 9 am to 2 pm, with setup from 8 to 9 am. Please let me know your ideas for making this sale the best ever. Your feedback is appreciated. Also, let me know if you can volunteer to help with setup, parking, or cleanup. Thank you.

Celia Hayes

Still Green!

Cal and Betty Baldwin gave us the money for this month's green banner in order to "keep the Bugle green." We thank them very much, even if they do live part of the time at Bethany Beach!

Have you paid your dues yet? The Citizens Association is still waiting to hear from a goodly number of residents to help keep the coffers full. Remember, the 4th of July celebration is just around the corner, and the CA could use the funds. We could also use 3 or 4 teens to throw goodies off the back of the band truck during the parade. If you would like to volunteer, call me.

And finally, with summer coming along fast, and the Bugle not published in July or August (we need a break too), any dates of events that you want to schedule during the summer and into September need to be given to me by June 8 in order to make it into the June issue. Call me or mail items to box 98. Thanks.

Mary Moyer

GPES News

Kindergarten Orientation went off without a hitch, except for an extremely hot room with no air-conditioning. Our next year's class will start with 65 students, with only one set of twins this time.

The GPES Video Club, sponsored by Mrs. Hickey, was very successful at this year's MCPS Media Festival. The group took first place for their fiction film "GP News @ 3," first place for their persuasive video "GPVC Rap," and second place for their stop motion animation project "GPVC Experiments with Motion." The club includes three GP children. Congratulations to them and the rest of the club.

A BSO trumpeter came to school as part of the BSO *on the Go* program. Led by individual musicians from the BSO, each program encourages children to think creatively while exposing them to classical music and symphony orchestras. This musician had 6 different types of trumpets, and treated the students to a lively introduction to the sounds of each, as well as recordings of the symphony playing music for the brass instruments.

On a sad note, we learned that Principal Lee Derby will be moving on to a new position as principal at Cedar Grove Elementary School starting in July. Meetings were held with the staff and then with parents to discuss the type of person that would be good for GPES to have. Of course it would be nice to get someone tall, with a bald head, a keen sense of humor, and the ability to remember 450 student names. Next year will bring some big changes to the school!

Mary Moyer

Letter from the Mayor

At the May meeting of the Town Council, the new members of the Council, Solange Hansen, Charles Berry, and Jack Mandel, began their service to the town. I thank Tony Altar for his three years of service as a member of the Council. During the meeting I presented a certificate to a boy called Pablo, the winner of the "If I were the mayor, I would..." essay contest. Pablo's essay was chosen as the best from about 2800 essays from Howard and Montgomery Counties. He is a fourth grader at Holy Cross Elementary. His teacher, Miss Winston, invited me to speak to the third and fourth graders. They asked many excellent questions. One of the best was, "Why do many people want to live in Garrett Park?" I told them because it's beautiful with many trees, there are many great community activities, and some of the very nicest people live here.

Last Saturday the Council met for three hours to review the new Councilmember Handbook and to establish areas of Council responsibilities. They are as follows:

Hans Wegner: Streets, storm drains, streetlights, and Strathmore Avenue

Beth Irons: Historic Preservation Committee, Conservation Trust, and the Setback Advisory Committee

Charles Berry: Parks and Open Spaces

Solange Hansen: Arboretum and Right of Ways Committee

Jack Mandel: Penn Place and Town Hall Buildings

The last *Bugle* announced that there are 52 people registered to vote in town who are over 80 years old. Inspired by this fact, the town, the Garrett Park Citizens Association, and the Garrett Park Women's Club are joining together to give the "Over 80 Gang" a community birthday party (see p 2). I told the Holy Cross students about this party as an example of the kind of community

activities we have. One student said she hoped that it would be a beautiful day. All of the others joined in wishing for a lovely day and wishing everyone a "happy birthday." They were very impressed with what hardy people we have.

On the morning of May 15, some of you saw me driving the town truck. I was dispatched by Butch to collect more flowers for the plantings at the Town Hall, the pool, Penn Place, and the train stop. Butch, Frank, Jose Diez (who will be joining our staff July 1), and a friend of his spent today planting about a thousand flowers to make Garrett Park beautiful all summer. When you see them, please tell them how great everything looks.

The Western Montgomery Advisory Board, which is an advisory board to the County Executive and the County Council, is presenting a special award to the Citizens Association and the *Bugle*. Bravo to Barbara Collier, Mary Moyer, Margaret Soltan, and all the others, including the "folders" who work so very hard publish the *Bugle*. Congratulations and thank you!

Carolyn Shawaker

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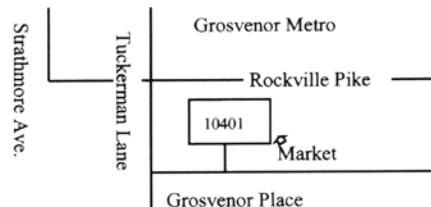
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Congrats to Grads

Well, the mini-boomers are starting to leave the nest, as evidenced by our graduating high school class of 2007. Our annual list covers high school, college, and beyond.

High School

Fiona Giblin (formerly of Strathmore), graduating from St. John's International School in Waterloo, Belgium, will attend Loyola University in New Orleans.

Caitlin Gordon (Montrose), graduating from Walter Johnson, will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to study architecture.

Joanna Jackson (Clermont), graduating from WJ, will attend UMBC.

Bretton Keating (Clermont Place), graduating from Holy Cross Academy (First Honors, National Honor Society, Madeleva Scholar), will attend Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Rick McKenzie (Cambria), graduating from Gonzaga, will attend Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

Elizabeth Miller (Kenilworth), graduating from WJ, will attend Washington University in St. Louis.

Brian Mizoguchi (Montrose), graduating from WJ, will attend Hamilton College in Clinton, New York.

Lucia Petito (Rokeby), graduating from WJ with honors in music, chemistry, and math, will do a double degree at the Eastman School of Music and the University of Rochester.

Jacob Roberts (Weymouth), graduating from WJ, will attend Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

Claire Tritschler (Kenilworth), graduating from Georgetown Visitation, will attend Tulane University to study architecture.

College

Alexis Landsman (Raleigh) is graduating from Towson University with a B.S. in psychology and a B.S. in speech-language pathology and audiology; she plans to pursue her graduate degree to become a speech therapist.

Jamie Williams (Kenilworth) is graduating from the University of Maryland with a double major in communications and Spanish. She is currently working part-time in marketing while surveying her options, one of which is applying for a teaching position in Spain for the 2007–2008 school year.

Best wishes to all in their new endeavors!

Another Fine Musicale

It's becoming one of Garrett Park's best traditions—the annual spring musicale, in which townies and others sing and play for a couple of hours in the Town Hall. Ticket proceeds go to fund a music scholarship for a young local musician. The idea originated with Ilah Gieser, who before her death established the scholarship fund. Meme Lincoln, Sue Petito, and others in town have kept the event going. This year, almost \$500 was raised toward the scholarship.

Although the offerings change each year, some performers are veterans: The Garrett Park Singers always do a few numbers; Barbara Collier

and Jonathan Paul can be relied on for something operatic; Lucia Petito plays something demanding on the violin; and Wilhelmina Bradford is a regular at the piano. There's always a sing-along, too—this year, Mary Moyer wrote some Garrett Park-specific lyrics to the tune of "Home on the Range."

It's always a pleasure, from my spot on stage in the GP Singers, to look out over an audience of faces familiar from concerts past, and to see new faces as well. It's a great way to see in the new season, and to remember Ilah.

Margaret Soltan

Summer Jobs List

We have several willing workers to cut your grass, prune your shrubs, pull all those pesky weeds, and love your pet while you are (a) visiting foreign lands or (b) taking a nap. Please see the print version of the *Bugle* for names and numbers.